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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: VISIT OF SECRETARY BROWN TO FRG

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1. MINISTER APEL'S CIVILIAN AIDE (DR. RUDLOFF) INFORMED
US ON MARCH 7 THAT IT HAD SUDDENLY BECOME NECESSARY FOR
APEL TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BUNDESTAG DEFENSE COMMITTEE ON
THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 12, AND THAT, IN PREPARATION FOR
THIS, HE WOULD BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND A CABINET MEETING
IN THE MORNING OF THE SAME DAY. AT 2030 ON APRIL 12,
APEL HAS AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE CHANCELLOR.

2. RUDLOFF SAID THAT MINISTER APEL SO REGRETTED
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THIS CHANGE IN PLANS THAT, IF NECESSARY, HE WOULD BE
WILLING TO CANCEL HIS APPOINTMENT WITH THE CHANCELLOR
IN THE EVENING OF APRIL 12 AND SEE SECRETARY BROWN
AT THAT TIME. IN SUCH AN EVENT, APEL WOULD SUGGEST
THAT HE AND SECRETARY BROWN HAVE DINNER TOGETHER,
FOLLOWED BY A DISCUSSION IN THE EVENING.

3. HOWEVER, RUDLOFF SAID THAT MINISTER APEL WOULD PREFER TO MEET WITH SECRETARY BROWN ON APRIL 13, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. RUDLOFF SAID THAT THE ENTIRE DAY OF THE 13TH IS FREE, AND THAT THE MEETING COULD TAKE PLACE IN EITHER THE MORNING OR THE AFTERNOON.

4. ALTHOUGH RUHFUS OF THE CHANCELLERY ASSUMES THAT THE APRIL 12 DATE WOULD HAVE BEEN SATISFACTORY FROM THE CHANCELLOR'S STANDPOINT, HE HAS NOT YET OBTAINED A RESPONSE DIRECTLY FROM THE CHANCELLOR. HE NOTES THAT A MORNING APPOINTMENT, AS WE HAD SUGGESTED, MIGHT BE DIFFICULT BECAUSE OF THE CABINET SESSION. WE HAVE INFORMED RUHFUS THAT WE ARE RELAYING APEL'S QUERY AS TO WHETHER SECRETARY BROWN MIGHT DELAY THE VISIT UNTIL APRIL 13.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE.
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